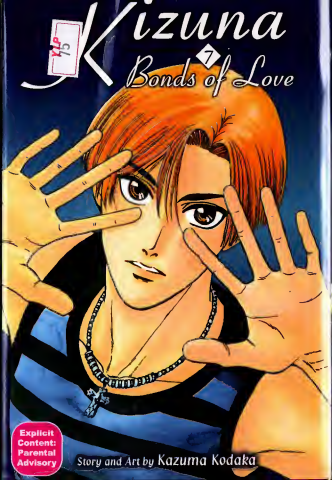


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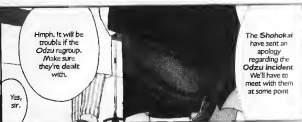
Kizuna

Bonds of Love



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Hmph. It will be trouble if the Odzu regroup. Make sure they're dealt with.

The Shinobu have sent an apology regarding the Odzu incident. We'll have to meet with them at some point.

Yes, sir.



They're coming in!

Hello? It's Araki.

The boss has come to see you, Kei.

Oh, what're you worried about?



Yes, sir.

It took a long time to get to Tokyo. Let's take our time here.

KNOCK
KNOCK
KNOCK



What a remarkable recovery.

Ah, I heard you were badly injured.

DAD?

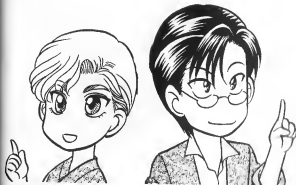
Tashiro doubted if his skills were up to the challenge against his mentor as Koga's men formed a deadly stand off around Ranmaru, Kei and Kai.

A violent struggle ensued, leaving Koga dead. Afterwards, Tashiro and Mr. J.B. shared an intimate moment in an airport before leaving the country.

Meanwhile, it was up to Ran to nurse Kei back to health, using a special technique that only he was suited to administer.

Finally, Kei gathered up his nerve and popped the question. Ranmaru accepted, and the lovers knew that the time had finally come to embark upon the next phase of their lives together.

Which leads us to the latest chapter of our story...







Kai has
also told
me about
you.



Ranmaru
Samejima.
I'm honored.

I am
Kai's father.
Takeshi
Sagano.
It's good to
finally meet
you.



The man
I chose
is more
beautiful
than anyone.

Kai!



Oh, is
that so?



No, I—

He said you
were both
beautiful and
strong. Does it
bother you to
hear such things
from another
man?



It's okay.
It's true,
after all.



Oh, it's
all right!
Please stay,
Mr. Samejima.

Kai, I'll
leave you
alone.



I've heard
about you, but
I don't think we
have ever met.



Yes.

It is
Samejima,
isn't it?



I will do it.

If you ask me to never see with him so that you can be together...

Please, wait! I wouldn't...



His father walks a dangerous path, but Kaito is not a criminal like we are.

That past accident... And this one... These are my fault, not Kaito's.



But please... Take care of my son.

I know I'm in no position to ask this.



But it turns out you're just as stubborn as she was.

To be honest, I worried about what would happen to you after Keiko died...



So... You live with Mr. Samgino now?



Mr. Samgino.

I want... I want to walk with him... For the rest of my life.

I hope
Ranmaru
likes this
cheesecake.

What's
this?

Step

Honestly,
sir...

Thank you
very much.

CLASP



I'll just
be going...
Excuse
me!

Kael!
You're
here,
too? Come in!



Masa
Araki!
Figures
that he'd
be here...

BOW!

Come
closer.
So I
can
see
you!

Of course
he'd come
with Dad

I can't
face him...
Dad!



Hey!
Hello!

Maybe
I'll visit
another
day.



I've got a
bad feeling
about this.



Let
me
GO!
I can
walk
by
myself!

What're you
talking about,
Master?
I just want
to make sure
you get there
safely!

The boss
needs...

Good
work!

What
perfect
timing!

The boss
is visiting
today!

Get off! It's
me you big
ass! This is no
way to treat a
boss!



I'm
sorry to
interrupt...

But your
other son is
here.

KNOCK
KNOCK

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Kei
Enryoji





Accept it as a father's show of devotion. Okay?

At least let me spoil you during a happy time like this.



Don't be silly! Being hospitalized and being released are two different things.

But that's...

You don't have to do that. You already arranged this room for me. Not to mention the security.



Good. Good.

Okay... In that case, I'll accept it.



I'm sure she'll be glad to know that Hotaru's son is coming.

I have a friend who runs an inn. I'll make a reservation for you.

Just be sure to let me know when you decide to go.



WHAT? A "few years?" You "think?"

I know Kyoto's far away, but this is unacceptable!

Of course I have... A few years ago, I think.



I guess not.

You mean, you haven't gone since the funeral?

Not even since college?



Why, I suppose you haven't even told her about Mr. Samejima yet?

...?



Here, perhaps this will help. I may be a little early, but congratulations on your release.



Kuon must be weeping by now. I want you to go... As soon as you're discharged! Think of it as a chance for you to recuperate.

This is not up for debate!



Let him think what he thinks. It's just easier this way.

Uh...Kai...?

HOW DARE YOU??
Don't say that about Mr. Somejima!! He's not like you!!

...

Are you blind or just stupid!!? He's gay!! HE'S **TOTALLY GAY!!**



Hey... Wait, Kai.

You just got here.

You just don't get it. And I don't want to explain it to you again!

I'm going home!!



I don't need an escort! I can get home by myself!

! STEP

I'll take you home.

FLINCH!



Our organization is still worried about you, so you'll have an escort getting there.

That brings back memories.

Krai and Nagawa will go with you.

Whos... Looks expensive.



Do you remember the 'Take Inn' in Matsubarakiya?

Here.

Why?

Oh, there. Yes.



Such a high class room! Is this really okay?

Uh...

The rooms are separated from the baths...

So you two can have some privacy.



Coming out? What are you talking about?! Mr. Somejima saved Kai's life. He's not gay like you!

When did this become a coming out celebration?! You kicked me out of the house when you heard I was gay!! Now he gets a fancy spa vacation?!!



Yes?

Hold on just a minute.



Oh, I'm sorry.



Why? What about your dad?

My father left when I was young. I hardly remember him at all.

Really? I'm a little jealous that you get to do that much.



Kai? I've been meaning to ask you something.



I know... I know.

That's why you should appreciate being with your father while you can. Otherwise, you'll regret it someday.



After the accident... Did something happen between you and Araki?



Oh, Magawa. Thank you...for everything.

Yes! Of course, sir...Ah! Hello, Somegima.

Excuse me, isn't you?



I said... "I DON'T NEED AN ESCORT!"

SLAM!

No need for that. I'd be glad to take you home...



SNEE!

NO!

They must have had a difficult conversation.

Floor guy, I understand how he feels.



Kai? Wait!



It's all right. All we do is fight, anyway.

We can't talk at all without getting into it.

You don't have to go! You haven't seen your father in a long time, right?



Sure.
Be careful.

Thanks for
walking out
with me.



I'm sorry
about
the trouble.

Yes,
Mr. Sanejima.

Are you
leaving already?

Oh.

SHUT



Thank you
for your
generosity.

Thank you
for looking
after him.



I will.

Please let
me know when
Kai will be
discharged.

...And no
apology is
necessary.



Listen, I was
the one who
asked you for
help. I know
you were
worried
about Kai,
but you took
things pretty far.
I'm sure that
Araki was very
concerned
about you.

Sort
of.

Why...? I
Drew it
seen that
way?



Yes, I did
take things
pretty far
when I
defied
Masa and the
Organization.
But that's
not it.

It's all
because...
I can take
care of
myself!



You
don't
have
to
apologize,
Ranmaru.

I just wanted
to say that...
Well, if you and
Araki
have become
estranged,
then it's
my fault.
And I just
wanted you to
know
that I'm...



That's
all it is.
So, if we're
awkward,
it's our
own fault.
Please don't
worry about it...
And don't
blame
yourself!

But
Masa won't
let me!
He's been
looking
after me
my whole life,
and he's
never
going to stop.



As it should.



When hurting someone...
Killing someone...
No longer frightens you, it's all over for you.



I lost myself in anger...
Let the madness take over my body.
And my sword.

Even now, that moment still frightens me.



Of course.
Go ahead.

I'll wait for the car.

Um, I'd like to thank Araki personally.
Would you give us a moment?



So...
I don't recall doing anything that requires thanks.



You should use your sword without ever having to dirty it.

Fight to protect your friends, not to kill your enemies.

do think you're the kind of person who can wield an uncalled sword.



If I'd swung my sword...

I would've lost everything.

I would've killed a man if you hadn't stopped me.
You saved me from that...



Samejima...



He seems
to be
suffering.



I can
only
understand
you.

You
can be
equals,
walking the
same path,
depending
on
each other.



...Sometimes
I envy
you
and Kai



I
depend
on him,
and thus
I ruin
him.



I
will.

Thank
you.



So please,
be careful...
Be calm...
From
now on.

And you have
people who would
grieve if you
became stained
with blood.



Oh.

um...

Well
then...



Please try to
understand
Kai's feelings.



I may be
saying too
much, but
about
Sogame...
I mean, Kai



Grrrr!



SIGH

I guess that
sometimes
words
alone
aren't
enough.



Ow
ow
ow!



KS-CHUNK!



Why?

You
cry
gripping
it.

THQW!

Just
do
it.



It's
not as much
fun as
your
version of
rehabilitation,
either.

I can't
argue
with
that.



Hey,
you should
be careful!
You'll
re injure
your
shoulder
doing
that!



So
before
that
happens...

His position,
his pride,
everything
I would
just
devour
them.



It's
not as
generous
an act
as you
make it
sound, I can
assure you.

You're
letting
him
go...?



I'm
winning
away...
In fear
of his
pure
feelings.

I
am
nothing
but a
coward.



But that
visit to
your
grandfather,
it had to be
about
kendo.

It's up to
you if you
don't want
to go back
to all this.



Yeah...

So?
You're still
unsure?



You are,
you saw
right
through
me...

Well?
Am I
right?



I just
can't
say.

But what
worries
me most is
my own heart...
Whether I have
the spirit to
return to
kendo.

I've been away
from active
competition
for a long time...
and I'm still
not as strong
as I used
to be.



If your
grip's that
good,
couldn't you
go back?

SPARLE

GRIP

This is
easy.



Man,
what a
grip.

Like
this?



What are
you talking
about?

Just talk
with your
grandfather.



Wasn't it
about you
starting kendo
again?



To using
a shinae,
that is.



But that
visit to
your
grandfather,
it had to be
about
kendo.

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you talking
about?

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with your
grandfather.



To using
a shinae,
that is.



Wasn't it
about you
starting kendo
again?



Stop
wasting
your time
worrying.
It's a slight
if it doesn't
work out.

Maybe
your kendo
won't be as
good as it
used to be,
but I'll be here
to see you
through it.



You
did say
that,
didn't you?
When you
confessed to
me at
the dojo...



I'll
never
promise
that I
won't say
anything dumb
like, "You
love kendo
more
than me!"



I wanted to
kill someone.
Even if it was
for only a moment,
I can't forgive
myself for that.

And now...
After what
happened when I
took up my
sword...

In kendo,
having the will
to face an
opponent's
sword is more
important
than your own
technique.



If you have
time for such
a long-winded
lecture, you have
time to practice
with your
shinai.

You
idiot.

Enjoai!
I'm being
serious here!







Kai?
I wonder
what he
wants.



Really?

Your son
is on the
phone.



No,
I
don't
mind...

As long
as you
don't
bother
those
two.



Yes, yes.
What?
You want
to go,
too?

It's not
What
is it?



Let me
borrow Masa
while I'm
staying there.



I'm not
going to
bother
them.

One more
thing...



Am I still
important
to you?

Oh, Masa.
What are you
thinking, right
now?



And I guess
there's really
only one
way to
do that.



I want to
know how
you really
feel...



RING-RINGGG!
RING-RINGGG!

Hello?

Hello sir.
What is it?

Yes,
the
boss is
here.

A few days later, Enryoji was released from the hospital...

Kusaka Hospital

Yes, sir.

Just don't forget to keep an eye on the three of them.

Ask for me when you come to my club.

That's enough, you two.

Come visit us, okay?

We'll be lonely without you, Enryoji.

He he he! Thanks a lot, Doc.

Congratulations on your discharge. Just don't end up here again!

Sorry for all the noise.

Take care.

Thank you for everything.

Have a good time Kyoto.

Yes sir?

In any event, Masa...

Very strange. I wonder what that was all that about?

Yes... Yes, of course you are. But Kai wants to stay with you in Kyoto.

You're going to stay with Kai and Samagima.

Sir?

But... I'm needed here... Aren't I?

TA-THUMP!

Not in so many words. But he did ask to "borrow" you. I'm not sure why.

You've earned a vacation, anyway. So go! Enjoy the scenery in Kyoto.

Kai said that?





COME ON
YOU GUYS!
You're late!
Stop wasting
time and hurry
before the train
leaves
without us!
MOVE IT!

Not at all,
was already
staying at
the boss'
Tokyo
residence.

Sorry for
making you
come all the
way from
Osaka.

After we
returned from the
hospital, we made
our travel
arrangements.



It's not
okay!
You're still
healing!

It's okay!
I can carry it!

Thank you
very much.

Please don't
hesitate to
ask me for
anything.



Sageo...



Hey!
I'm waiting!!

Do you
want me to
carry you?

Watch
your step.

Don't
be ridiculous.





KIZUNA



What's up with Araki and Kai? They usually get along, but they seem different today.

Social
we were
on our way.
Although I
didn't
counted on
Inagawa,
Araki and
Sugano
joining us.



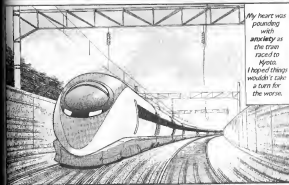
Floor
Enjoyed.
He looks
so
unhappy.

I had
thought
this would
be a relaxing
vacation, but
now I had the
feeling it
would be
anything
but.

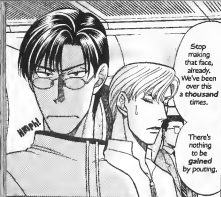
Oh...
yeah...

I can't
wait to
get to
Kyoto!
How
bout
you?

Umph!



My heart was
pounding with
anxiety as
the train
raced to
Kyoto.
I hoped things
wouldn't take
a turn for
the worse.



Stop making that face, already. We've been over this a thousand times.

There's nothing to be gained by pouting.



Enjoy!!..

Did I cause all this? Have I worried so much that all my worries have come true?



It should just be us on this trip! Why is Kai here, anyway?!!?

We finally get a vacation.



I don't want to postpone our "wedding night celebration" again.

Will you stop shouting!

Lower your voice!

He'll ruin our honeymoon!



We're married now!



And to my respects.

Yes? Coffee?

Drinks, anyone?

I tried to relax, to calm my racing heart. After all, Enryoji's father wanted us to take this trip to recuperate..



Excuse me, I'll take a coffee.

Even if Araki and Imagawa were coming along as guards..

Maybe we would be able to salvage this vacation... find time for just the two of us at last..



Um... No. I still haven't finished my tea.

...and Kai was tagging along as well.



うふぽて

Want one too, Ranmonu?



Wow
This
place
sure
has
changed
since
the
last
time
I
was
here.



Anybody
want
some
snacks?
...Anybody?



Well,
I'm
recovered
now.

That
was
only
because
you
were
injured.



This
stop
Kyoto
station

Kyoto
passengers
please
prepare
to
disembark



Hmm?

...Some
of that
affection.

Araki seems to
know the
progress of
anything.

If only he
could show
him...

Right...
All right.
Just don't
take too
long, okay?

So help
me out
for now.

Please.

I want
to talk to him
face-to-face.
I just need
some time
to prepare
what I'm
gonna say.

What happened
this time!?

So! You
really are
fighting
with Araki!!

They'll be
all right...

Oh, nothing.
I just hope
you're able to
make up
quickly.

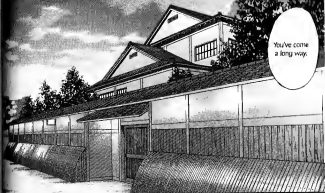
Yeah.

I, I'm
just so
worried.

You've got
some nerve
eavesdropping
on us,
Kyouzuke.

I'm
running
away,
in fear of
his pure
feelings.

I am
nothing
but a
coward





I like it.



It smells good...like wood and tatami.

How is it?



I'm glad you think so.

Now that we have some time to ourselves, it'd be a shame to waste it.



Looks like your mood has improved.

Mmm

I'm glad.



I forgot there were other people around...

Ah, um, a little later!!

Oh, Kei, when will you be taking dance?



Please be careful of the step.

Wow! This looks great.



Thank you, Mr. Tan.

I'll bring in some tea. Take your time and look around.







Find yourself a good woman, Kai. Settle down. Find someone who you can truly love... With all your heart.

I don't want the same, sad thing to happen to you. You mustn't waste yourself on every fleeting emotion that you have.



I should marry some woman? Continue the Sagano family name?

Is that your expert advice?



"My true feelings?"

Is this what you meant when you mentioned...



Not really.



...There've been one or two women who've left an impression upon me.

I will admit that in my life...



No... well... something like that...



I brought the yukata...



SHOUT

You care more about the precious family than you care about me!



There was a time when I played around with the ladies. Almost too much, some people thought. But now that I'm ready to settle down, there aren't any women left who are worth having.



I never knew...

Oh.



Hey, watch out!

WE WERE SUPPOSED TO BATHE TOGETHER. DAMMIT!



I didn't know you felt so passionately about this.

No no no! You're supposed to put it on after the bath!



Hmm...

There's plenty of room, you know.

It's an outdoor bath, after all.



Get off! You're heavy!

Come on already. Let's get take a bath!



You don't want me to see anything?

Exactly. I don't want you getting any ideas.

Okay, then. But only if you take off your glasses!



...

Yes.

I'll just leave it here.



Hmm. Perfect for a nice long bath.



Hm?

So what?

Hey, you're in your yukata already!

Run! Let's take a dip before we eat!

Ah...huh?



How do you expect me to keep calm?!

You calm down, too.



Grrrrr!

There, there. Calm down.

Stupid, stupid Mami! It's not fun!!



Slow kisses are good too, right?



Don't be in such a rush, dummy.

But we don't have chances like this often...



All right. I'll leave a lot of hickys.

That's not what I meant...

That tickles, Enryou.

Did I get you?

You stupid...



KISS!



That brat is gonna ruin everything!

Dear



Okay, then. Fine. I'll go wait quietly in the next room... For now.

Go wait quietly in the next room.



It's RANMARU!



Kai??

HI! RUSH!!

Wahh! Ranmaru!!



You can't blame him if you didn't put the power you wanted.

His position is that he's well to protect you. That's not something you can save lightly.

I don't know what he said to you, but he couldn't have meant it to hurt you.



Why?

Intentions, huh? That's going to be difficult.



I suppose you're right. Araki does lead a complicated life.

Again... You're not considering his position. As a leader he must choose his words carefully. You must remember that Araki's life is... Complicated.



I know I just wanted him to tell me his true feelings without a lecture.

I want to know his intentions.



Now, you calm down and talk to me.



Huh? Why did I just do that?



But that damn Masa keeps saying things to piss me off.

That's what I wanted to do.



You said you were going to make up with him when you got here.



Position?

I think it's a good idea to tell him how you feel, but shouldn't you consider Araki's position as well?

Yes.



Listen, Kai...

How can two people so dedicated to protecting each other not understand each other's feelings?



Have you known Mas for a long time?

Kyouzou?

Yes?



What are you, my mother!?

How did you talk out so me as "You used to be so kind..."



Okay, okay! I'm going! You don't have to be so bossy!

You weren't supposed to bother them! (I'm so sorry!)

Please come back to the room now.



Excuse me, is Kai here?

AAA! I KNEW IT!



Who—?



Then let's go for a coffee... My treat. There are a few things I'd like to ask you about.

About as long as you've been alive.



Who knows? All I can tell you for sure is that things would be much easier on me if they'd just work it out!

They've both confided in me, and yet...

What is it with those two?



He said there was one he couldn't forget.

I want to know about his women. Earlier tonight I asked him if there was ever anyone special.

Okay then, we're "having" coffee! Now what did you want to ask the "dumb" Mas?

"A woman he can't forget?" Hmmm, I wonder who that could be?

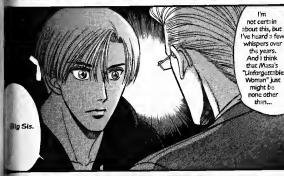
Do you have any idea who he's talking about?



Then don't worry. Go home and leave me alone!

I don't know what you and Anaki are fighting about... And I don't care! Just cut it out, already!

I can't go back to Osaka if I have to worry about what you're up to here!





The boss, Araki and myself...we had to protect you, because you were the precious treasure she had left behind.

It's because of you that all of us were able to keep going.



Well yes, you look more like your mother than your father.

Your personality is evenly split between both of them.

Do I look like my mother?



And don't tell anyone what I said.

Okay, okay.

I really must go. There's still a chance I can make my train to Osaka. Call me if you need anything.

"Obnoxious?" You? No! Such self-confidence is just fine for a man! It's only a problem in females!

Either way it's obnoxious, right?

HA HA HA HA



Of course not! She was devoted to your father!

Did they have an affair?



You scared me.

Jeez, you scared me.



When she died, I was really worried about him. I thought he might break down...



He never admitted how he felt about her. He only watched from afar.

He felt that falling for her was like a sin. He tried to forget her...but never could.



No?

But it was you that saved him.

That's right.



The star
weather
feels
good



I already
did...

Why not
try the
bath
first?

Dinner will
be coming
up soon



I will.

Yes...

Go
ahead.



That's why
Masao sees
the way he
does
around
me...



I'm finally
beginning to
understand.



You'll
catch
cold.



...And it
finally
explains his
true feelings
about
me.



The things
he couldn't
do.

He's
projecting
them
on to
me...



The thing
he couldn't
tell her.



I must be
more
important
to him than
anything else
on Earth!

I'm not just
anyone else
to him. I'm
special to
him.



...Then
why am
I crying?

I'm glad
for that!
But if
I'm so
happy.



Masa's
"Unforgettable
Woman"
can only bring
my Mother!

So
it seems
that I've
gotten my
answer
rather
easily.



No
wonder
you could
never share
your true
feelings
with me!

Apparently
I look
a great
deal like
her.
Poor
Masa!



Whenever
you look
at me...
All you
can see
is
her.

No
wonder
why you
see
right
through
me...



さあ...
い

さあ...
い





Masa looks at me,
but he doesn't
see me...

He just sees
my Mother.

Really?
Is that all?



Masa,
take some
wasabi.



I hope
my eyes
aren't red.

I don't
want him
to know
I was
crying.



All
right.

Now
gimme your
glass!



But
it's
saki...

I'm
well
aware
of that,
Masa.

Let me
have that
drink!



I really want
to talk to
him, but
I have to
wait until
the time
is right.

I want to
discuss
this one
I have
with him.



Sorry...
I wasn't
laughing
at you.
I was just
thinking
about...
Your
mother.

What's
so
funny?

Heh.
Heh.
Heh.

Do you
still have
wasabi?



She'd always
remark upon
how you'd
only want
what you
saw
everyone
else eating.

She said that
once she had
to take saki
away from
you.

I remember
how she'd
always go
on about
what a
fussy eater
you were.

新

第 1 卷



GLANCE

Everything
was going
along just
great until
Ranmaru
let my
crybaby
brother
ruin
everything!



Worst
vacation
ever.

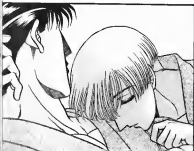


SHORE
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He
won't
wake up!

My luck
sucks...

は
あ、シラ





No. It's warm.



Are you cold?

Mina?



Why...? When did he crawl into bed with me?

SIT



He feels cold.

Is he sick? I didn't realize...



Mmm...mm...



Tuck



CHORE?



G



I'm sorry, y-s. Just a little longer.

Oh, is he still asleep?

Excuse me, I've come to clean the futon.



This child's name is Kai.

Goo goo



I have a favor to ask



Gah.

My husband gave him that name, because it's written by adding the character for "another person" to the name Kai.



Because of my poor health I can't give him a sibling. But I wanted him to at least meet the brother that he already has.

I know it's a bold request. That's why I came here in secret.



As a young time ago.

He was here before?



The wife

Why, how cute he is!

He looks just like he did the last time he was here.



I must've been almost twenty years ago.

Ms. Sogino brought him out here in secret.

He was here to meet Hotaru and little Kai.



Ms. Sogino...

Please don't do this to yourself...

I'm the one who barged in on you!

I didn't mean to bear him a child! It was so selfish of me!

I'm so sorry!

Please forgive me!



Yes!
Of course!

They're so
cute! Do
you have
a camera?

Yasue,
bring
a camera!

Good
goo?



Hay, Hi
smells
me!



Kei!

Kei, come
here please!



Yes...I
understand...

Ms. Enryoji.
Please hear
my
request.



He's stirring.
If I don't
wake him
now he'll
sleep away
the
entire day.

...Now to
think the face
in those pictures
is in front of
me again...
Oh, is he
awake?

C'mon...
Wake up!

Mm...



I don't
know how
Ms. Enryoji
found us,
but we were
all in such
a hurry
once she
arrived.

We must've
taken a
dozen photos,
but the
brothers
sat still the
entire time.

They were
so content
to just be
sitting
together...
Playing
together!



Hello, Kei.

Hello!

Oh! A baby!
Can I hold
it?

This is
my son, Kei.
Say hello.



Be
careful!

Ooph!

It's all
right. You
can hold
him, Kei.

Have you
washed your
hands? You
don't want to
get the baby
sick!

They're
totally
clean.
See?





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Fun, you spoil
him too
much!

Sogass
He finally
seems to
have
cheered up

Take
your
star
on the
left
and go
from
there!

Where
are
we?
Are you
sure
we aren't
lost?"

Maybe.

I don't
mean to,
but I just
can't
ignore him
when he's
so utterly
dependent
on me

There's no
"maybe"
about it.

SEE?
You
really
DO
spoil
him!

About
what?"

I'm glad.



There we go.



You'd better tip the caretakers.

I'd planned on cleaning her headstone, but she looks fine.

I thought it would've been dirtier by now.



GLEAM
今年...

I'm sorry for not coming sooner...

Mom.



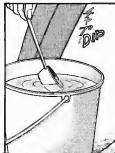
We didn't come here to babysit him.

You're supposed to look after me!



All right. Stop sulking already.

I'm not sulking







I'd better
pay my
respects,
but...



And
good...



Well
if that's
really
true,
Enjoy...



...That I'm
glad that
Kai's feeling
better.

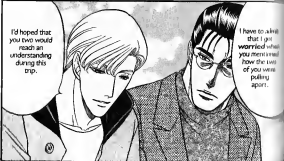


Masa?
I just
wanted
to say...



Any
questions?
None?
Good.

...Then
you two
brothers
are going
to have
to get
along
from
now on!



I'd hoped that
you two would
reach an
understanding
during this
trip.

I have to admit
that I got
worried when
you men's real
how the two
of you were
pulling
apart.



Never
mind,
then.



Well if
I'm
a brat
then
YOU'RE...

Don't
start,
Enj..

I can
"get along"
with
anyone...
Except
that
brat!



It's just that Kai is the sort of person who's **never** satisfied with what he's been given.



Just know it's not that I think he's a bad or a bad person.



It's all right. I know that I've been hurtful to Kai. I never intended to do that either...



That's not what I meant...

Then I'm sorry. It was not my intention to worry you.



Not at all. Sorry, I know how it looks... The way I treat him.

Enryoji Hotaru

Ah, I'm sorry I've said too much.



That's when I realized that I had no idea what to do next.



I thought that by distancing myself from him that he'd get a chance to grow.



Whoa.



Okay.

Hey, you two! It's time to go!

Are you ready?



The answer came from Kai himself... When I looked into his eyes... That's when I saw how much he really depended on me...

And I knew I couldn't leave him.



I was doing it all for his sake... But I see now that I was **wrong**.







So good.



YUM!



Glad to hear it.

Fantastic!



Um?

A SIGH

Well, I'll have whatever you're not having, Enjiya.



I can't decide. Everything looks so good!

What do you want, Masa?

Sure I can!

That's a pretty big dessert. Sure you eat the whole thing?



Good thinking!

Okay, then.

Masa, pick this.

Because then I can taste yours, too.



Welcome back, gentlemen. How was your trip to the cemetery?

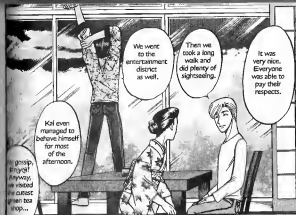


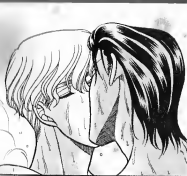
Let's eat!

Let's eat!



Looks yummy!





We can't.
Not here,
anyway.



I don't care
where we
are, Ran.
I want
you.



It would be
embarrassing!
It would be
awful!



TAP



Huh!
I'm not
talking for
that one,
Brinygill!
I already told
you that I'm
just here
to clean up!

Don't
stand way
over there.
Come over
here!
There's
something I
want to
show you.



Hey!

...In your
pretending to be shy at
this point.
Besides,
you missed
a spot!



There's
no point...



You're
clean
enough.



Cut it out!
I'm trying to
wash up
before dinner!





What I mean is that I don't want to be the only one enjoying myself.



What do you say yourself? What do you mean by that?



skiver...
skiver...
むらむら

Wich me!

I want you to feel good



Careful, Enryoji!

Flinch
しる
しる

かばい
GRAB

OH! I CAN'T TAKE IT ANY MORE!

I THOUGHT I COULD HOLD BACK... BUT I CAN'T!!



It's been so long, Ryumaru... The touch of your flesh... The sound of your voice... It all seems so fresh and new to me!

Of course you are.

Stupid.

Stop... taking... Enryoji! I can't think straight!



Enryoji... When you touch me like that... I go crazy! I can't help myself!

That's a laugh.

Wah now!



You?

Sto
する...

"Think straight?"



Ran,
are you
gonna...?"

I can't
hold
back!

Ahh...

Keit!
It feels
so good!



TWWAP!

TWWAP!

TWWAP!

AHH!



Wait, Ran!
Try and
hold on!
Let's come
together!

I'M
GONNA
COME!
CAN'T
STOP!

YES!



Just
try!
I'm
almost
there...

Ahh...
How do
you
expect
me to
do that
when it
feels
so good?

Shudder
Shudder



Scoop
squirming
so much,
Ran!
Try and
relax...

Ahh...

AHH!



Ahh!

THRUST



didn't
realize
how
much I
needed
this!

Pant
shiver

Haan...
Ahh...

Ahh...



Ahh!

stop it

Me too.

It's so hot...
I'm melting...

Hum



You're
so tight.

Are you
all right?
I hope
I wasn't
too rough.



That's how you are when you want to do it so badly that you just can't take it. You can't think of anything else.



I'm not.

to PUNCH

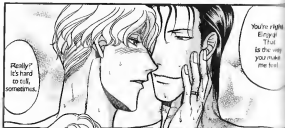
That's right Pervy



And here I was, trying to be patient... Trying to hold out... Make the moment last...

...All before you end up finishing too fast.

Gosh, Ranmaru... First you play hard to get, then you say you want us to feel good together...



Really? It's hard to tell, sometimes.

You're right Enji! That is the way you make me feel!



SWISH

Though I'm glad you wanted me so badly.



Mmm...

Enji, sometimes I want you so badly that I just can't stand it!



Though I've gotta hand it to you, you're cute when you're embarrassed...

But you're awful stimulating when you're perky, too.



You make it sound like I never wanted you before.

That's not what I meant, and you know it!



KIZUNA



I've
running
from
the
sight
of the
naked
man
that...

Now all that
remains is to be
true to myself...
True to
my feelings!
I can't run away...
Not when I've
come so far!
And the next
step I have to
take may be
the biggest
one of all...

SLAP



はー
う
Sigh
Pretty
smooth, if
I say so
myself.



Ready for
round two,
just give
me a
moment...

I even
brought
dinner up!

You two gave
me such
a scare!
How could you
stay in that
hot bath
so long?
You're sure
to pass out!

Wheeze
-it-
Wheeze



Ahhh, but he gives me enough to worry about now that I needn't drown myself in memories of the past.



In the end, it was his smile that made those painful memories recede



She came to the inn with her son



!?



I'd felt like I'd lost everything when she died, but now that the years have passed I can look back upon those times fondly

What a meeting that must have been. The raw emotion must have been overpowering.

...To introduce him to the brother she couldn't give him herself.



Oh...
I see.
You don't
want to.



It's not
your fault,
Kai.



So
why can't
we bath
together
now?

I mean
we used
to bath
together
years ago.



SURPRISE!

I decided
to come in
while the water
was warm
after all.



SPLASH



Well,
yeah
but...

You're
getting
too big
for me to
catch you.

You shouldn't
be running
around at
poobid...
What if you
slipped and
fell?

Sorry.



Ah...
sorry.

WIPE
WIPE
TAIL

So I
see.



You may not
remember,
but at one
time it
frightened
you...
You ran
from it.

I tattooed myself
as a symbol of
loyalty to your
father...
But it was a
mistake to show
it to you.
It was a burden that
I shouldn't have
shared with anyone,
especially you.



Your tattoo?
I already
know
about it.

It's just
that I
don't want
you to
see this



I didn't think
you'd come
to the bath
with me
if I'd asked,
so...

This was
the only
way I could
think of.



I have to know your true feelings. Not what you want for me... But what you want for yourself. After all we've been through together, is that so much to ask?



Sorry isn't good enough, Musa... Not anymore!

I'm sorry Kai



No. Mu's wrong.

You shouldn't have to see it.

The pride of the yakuza must seem to be a dirty thing.



I'm grateful for everything you've done for me, but I want to be there for you too

You may think I'm useless, but that doesn't mean that you can't acknowledge how I feel!



And how I feel Musa, is...



Why must you constantly run and hide from me? From my affections?!

Why do you keep me out of reach, Musa?

SWATCH

That's not fair, Musa... **THAT'S NOT FAIR AT ALL!**

You say that you do these things for my sake... But you decide everything for yourself... Without ever asking me how I feel!





It's okay.

Dammit, Kie!

Cough



Huh...

Cough

You were totally nasty a little while ago.



This is our honeymoon. I'm supposed to make you come a lot.

It's our warm welcome.



Just this opposite... I come here to tell her we're married.

Don't you think she'd be glad to see how happy and passionate we are?

It just seems so improper I mean, we'd just come back from the cemetery!



You shouldn't drink alcohol after overheating.

puhuhh

I must've gotten completely dehydrated in that hot pool.

Ahhhh... That hits the spot!



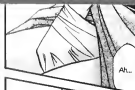
Speaking of misty...

That's a nasty laugh.

hee っ hee っ hee っ hee っ

But a cold beer's great after a good sweat.





Ah...



Don't
touch me
like that!



So hold
it in...
Let the
pleasure
well up
inside
you!

You'll
ruin my
underwear...



Please!
Don't
say
it like
that!

Even
though
you're so
tense.



Ah...



Tutut!

Ah...



Hush...



You
always
tease
when
you're
pouting...

Jeez...



That's
because
you're
touching
me...

AHH!

You're
so hot,
Ramaru,
your flesh
is burning!

Ah!

Lift
your
hips.

You're so
soft and
sticky.

That's
because...



You're the
one who
won't come,
even when
your body
wants it
so much.

Don't
say
that!



I'd just imagine your hands and come by myself.



Oh, don't worry about that.

How could you do this to me, Rammun? What would you say if I put you in the position?



You'll say it?

Sigh.

All right.



I'd be much nicer if you'd just tell me you love me.

You really are hopeless.



I say the magic words and we both go to bed quietly and get some sleep.



Yes? What is it?

Option One.

I'll let you choose.



I pick number two!!

I can't take it!!

Maybe I'm the bigger tease after all.



My hands?



What's it gonna be, Enjiyoji?

Flick

Option Two.

I don't say anything and we make hot, passionate love until morning.





Okay,
the mood
is right...



Yeah,
it really
was.



It was
great,
wasn't it?



...And I
have to
get this
out!



We're
inside,
now...



Excuse me,
I'll lay out
the futons
for you.

Um,
Masa,
what do
you think
about...

CLENCH



Damn! When are we
gonna get any
privacy?
These constant
intrusions are
wearing on my
resolve!

SHAKE

inhale



Excuse me,
I've brought
dinner.

Now as I
was saying
back in
the bath...



inhale







But I will do so no longer.
We must go our separate ways...
Before you get even more caught up in this...
Confusion of yours.



What I mean is that I apologize for misleading you.

What do you mean by that?



Ha...



That's right.

Confusion?



Are you all right?

COUGH
It's a tick!



You didn't give me a chance to reply.

Of course I'm excited! Not everyone is totally stone-faced like you!

I just confessed my deepest feelings to you...
And NOW I look like an IDIOT!



After all this time... Everything we've been through... Didn't you think I'd come to expect more from you?

This is all your fault, Masa! You don't really care about me! All you do is tease me with your half-hearted kindness!



Maybe I should have distanced myself from you sooner.



I didn't know I was so vexing to you.



...That
nobody will
LOVE
ME?!

Is it
because
I'm so
stupid...



It's
not
like
that.

And now that
I think back
on it...
Everything
makes sense.
It all seems
so clear.
I'M
STUPID.



Don't
touch
me!

Perhaps
you should
sit down.



I'm not some
stand-in
for your true
feelings.

I don't
want your
fake
affection!!



I haven't
forgotten!

Yash

What did
you do to me
when you were
injured and in
the hospital!?



Are you
saying you
seduced
me?



Was that
just my
confusion,
too!?

Tell me,
what the
hell was
that?!



And you're
stopping
now because
I'm a guy!
I could never
replace a
woman!

You couldn't
have my
mom,
so you
made
me her
substitute!



I know...
I'm just a
substitute,
right?



And that's...
how you
truly feel?

You can't
be just
my Kai.

You're too
important
to me.
That's the
problem.

I would
never be
able to
face my
father.

You could
if I was
really
important
to you!

Well, I can't
just put my
hands on the
organization's
treasured
son, can I?

What's more
important?
Me or the
organization?
You just said
I was first.

Uh...

SLEMP
スレム

But
you just
kissed
me!!

Wrench
レンチ

I'm sorry, Kai.
This is as difficult
for me as it is
for you.

I was only trying to calm you,
but I see that I've only
made everything worse.

Just give me
a moment
to gather my
thoughts so
I can answer
you properly.

How can you
do this to me
again? How
can you kiss
me right after
telling me
you're
leaving
me?!

You should
already know
that it isn't just
that, Kai...
Especially
after we've
been together
for so long.

That's all
well and good
Mash, but it's
still only
because I'm
my father's
son, right?

You've been
important to me
from the moment
your father asked
us to think of you
as his treasure.
It was never a
question of
favoritism.
But if you insist
on being assigned
a number...
Then of course
you'd come in
first.

Okay
then,
Mash...
Why?







Okay,
let's see...
Fold
this piece
over first...
No, wait.
This piece
is first!

Huh?
Wait, it's
backwards.



I can't
put it on
myself!

Sigh.
Gee, being
such a baby.
Get
undressed
and I'll
help you.

Stick out
your arms,
Enjiya!...
And stand
up straight!



It's fine.

It's
not too
tight,
is it?



It's really
not
that bad.
It feels
kinda nice,
actually.

You're right.
A yukata
should be
comfortable.



I've
never
put one on
before...
else
before.
It's tricky
in reverse.

Why
don't you
try it from
behind?

All
right.



Okay!



Hey!
You're
not
wearing
yours?

Yeah.

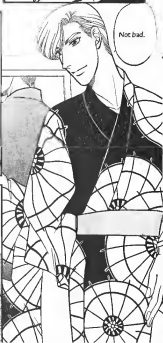
Enjiya,
are you
ready?



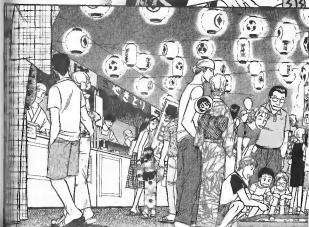
It's a
good
color
for you.
Try it on.

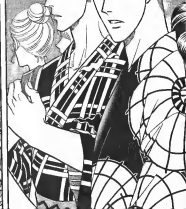
Nah, that
stuff isn't
for me...
But the
color looks
nice on
you.

Miyu
went to
the trouble
of preparing
them for us.



Not bad.







Geez,
stop
pushing!

Man,
what
a mess.



Evah!



Who-?



No,
I'm with
Masa.
What
happened
to Ranmaru?

Watching the
fireworks,
of course.
Did you
come alone?



What
are you
doing
here!?

What
are you
doing
here!?



Are
you with
Enryoji
today?

I didn't
know you
were here.

Yes,
I'm Sagano
here, too?



Samejima.

Anaku!?



Okay.
Thank
you.

We're
about to be
separated, too.
Let's get out
of this crowd.
Hold on
tight.



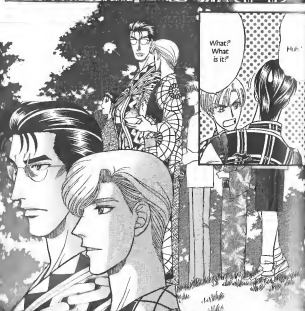
Uh...

Whoops.



Indeed.

Yes, but it
seems we've
both been
separated.





I was looking for you.



Kai...

Oh, yeah...

I'm glad you found us.



Huh?

LIAR!
I saw what you were up to.

You were having the time of your life flirting with him!



Flirting?

Let's go!



Grab?



More importantly...

Why is he with Ranmaru?



Clash...

What!



Enjoy!!



Why do they seem so at ease?

They seem so relaxed together...
And somehow unapproachable.



Whatever.
The fireworks
are starting.



Sit up!
I'm going
to empty
your wallet
tonight!

How much
stuff will I have
to buy for you
until you're
satisfied?

We come
to see the
fireworks.
Aren't you
going to
watch?



Not really.
Though there
was a tense
food building
up there.

No.
What
about you?
Did you?



How cute.
He's jealous.

Did you do
anything
he should
be jealous
about?



(Mm)



Huh?

Good.
Huh.
Have some
flavorful ice.



Yeah.

Good,
isn't it?



Afterword



COMING NEXT:

Romantic tensions threaten to boil over as the Kyoto hennin moon adventure continues! First, Kai is unrelenting in his quest to get some "alone time" with Masa, but the burly body-guard spurns Kai's advances for reasons unknown. Meanwhile, the newlywed Ranmaru and Kei take every opportunity to consummate their love, and the sounds of their coupling only drive Kai deeper into despair. Will a frustrated Kai be able to make his wish come true?

